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GREAT BRITAIN'S HOUR OF PERIL

Premier Asks New Big Levy to Make Four Million Men

BLUNDERS APPARENT

Better Team Work Promised and Dardanelles Failure Minimized—Irish Defy Conscription.

London, Dec. 22—Moving in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon a new vote, calling to the colors an additional 1,000,000 men, bringing the number of British soldiers now in service to about 4,00,000 Premier Asquith said that Great Britain already has a fighting force at the front in the various theatres of 1,2500,000 men, besides those in reserve and in training and as the wastage is enormous the country must aim at getting every man of military age who is physically qualified.

At the same time the Premier announced a change in the British General Staff, confirming previous reports that other changes would follow the recall of Sir John French as Commander in chief. Sir William Robertson Chief of Staff in France, has been recalled to succeed Sir A. J. Murray as Chief of the General Staff, he informed the House. Murry, he stated, is "proceeding to an important command." It is the general belief here that the deposed Chief of the General Staff is about to leave for Egypt to take charge of the British defenses there.

The Premier made a general survey of the ever-widening theatre of war and the increasing responsibility placed on this country for providing arms and men. He pointed out that whatever system was adopted to obtain the services of the men needed, deductions must be made before it would be possible to arrive at the recruitable maximum which the country must seek to obtain. He regretted he was unable to give the results of the Earl of Derby's recruiting system. The figures had not reached him until last night, and the inferences to be drawn required careful attention.

Applications to enlist under the Derby plan had been made from distant Hongkong and Rhodesia, he said, and added.:

"This is a commentary on the lethargy of those at home who have not responded to the call. Let those who have hung back for good or bad reasons seize the opportunity even now of following the example patriotically set them by the great mass of the people."

Referring to losses at the front, the Premier said a large proportion of the wounded would be able to return to duty, but in addition to keeping up the present armies to their nominal strength men were wanted for new formations and to increase the aggregate of Great Britain's fighting forces. Every available man should be put in the field, so far as was consistent with provision for national necessities, including munitions and the vast field of employment upon the continued working of which the national life depended.

Although the Premier did not put himself on record as either for or against conscription, John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, at the close of Mr. Asquith's speech flung a bombshell by declaring that the Nationalists would oppose conscription by every means in their power. John Dillon followed with a severe arraignment of the British war leadership, inquiring: "What is the use of sending out more troops to be led by men like those responsible for the Suvla Bay and Anzac failures?"

BURIES HIS CANNON

German Riga-Dvinsk Offensive Fails, and Russians Force Army to Retreat

London, Dec. 22—H. Patrick Deavitte telegraphs to the Daily Express from Geneva:

"The German offensive on the Riga-Dvinsk front has completely failed. Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been forced to retire before Russian counter attacks after burying his cannon and abandoning an enormous amount of material.

"Te Germans, unable to cross the Dvina, have suffered very heavily Five German divisions have retreated on Tukumb, against which the Russians are advancing. A sanguinary battle is in progress near Uxkull."

It is announced from Tehiran, according to a dispatch received here from the Petrograd semiofficial news agency, that the Russians have occupied the town of Kum, 80 miles southwest of Tehiran, after a great battle, in which the opposing forces were completely defeated.

WILSON ON LONG WALK.

White House Honeymooners Get Freakish Messages From All Parts of Country.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 22.— The President and Mrs. Wilson took a long walk in the sunshine yesterday. Their stroll of about three miles carried then past the golf links, with Secret Service men following. Mrs. Wilson wore a light walking suit, heavy tan walking shoes and a small black hat.

Congratulatory messages continued to arrive by mail and telegraph. Beside the congratulations, freakish messages from all parts of the country have been sent to the couple. Some of the congratulations are couched in rhyme and some are embelished with pictures.

The disappointed moving-picture squad was out early yesterday morning, and planted cameras on advantageous positions on three hills overlooking the golf course. Secret Service men, acting on the President's orders, have told the photographers that no pictures will be allowed. Not a picture has yet been taken of the couple.

The President spent the morning with his stenographer on official correspondence, and Mrs. Wilson wrote many letters to personal friends acknowledging wedding gifts.

FALLS DEAD DURING TUSSLE.

West Virginia Farmers Grappled In Dispute Over Taxes.

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 22.—William H. Rexrode, 51 years old, a farmer of Sugar Grove, Pendleton county, W. Va., fell dead Saturday night during a tussel with Earl C. Snyder.

The men fell out over the payment of the taxes on a farm which Snyder bought from Rexrode. Snyder dared Rexrode into the public road and when Rexrode ignored the challenge, Snyder rushed up to him and began shaking him, according to Mrs. Varner, Rexrode's mother-in-law. The woman separated the men, but they came together again and in the tussel Rexrode dropped dead.

Rexrode, is survived by his widow and two children.

FALL OF VARNA CAUSE OF JOY

Reported Capture of Bulgarian Seaport Presages Slav Drive

TO RELIEVE MENACE

May Divert Threatened Attack on Land of Pharoahs From Austro. Germans and Turks.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(via Wireless to Sayville), —British troops withdrawn from the Dardanelles are being sent to Saloniki, according to the Athens correspondent of the Cologne Gazette.

London, Dec. 22.—Unconfirmed reports that the Russians have captured the important Bulgarian seaport of Varna aroused the greatest excitment here today. The reports, however, are accepted with the greatest reserve.

No mention is made of the bombardment of Varna in the Petrograd official statement telegraphed here last night. But dispatches from Berne, Rome, and Athens reported that a large Russian squadron was shelling Varna and Greek reports said the fleet was accompanied by sixteen heavily laden transports.

The dispatch to the Chronicle, reporting the capture of Varna, was filed at Athens at noon yesterday, one day later than other press messages reporting the port being shelled. It was stated that the city was laid in ruins and the forts silenced. Russian infantry and artillery were then landed.

A neutral consul at Varna telegraphed the news to Athens, the Chronicle correspondent wired.

If the Athens reports are true, the Russians have begun the long looked for invasion of Bulgaria by a flanking attack that may cause the immediate withdrawal of the Bulgarians from the Greek frontier.

Such a maneuver would cause a radical change in the Balkan fighting imperil the Austro-German communications with Constantinople, and if successful, end the prospects of a German campaign against Egypt.

It is assumed here that if the Russians landed troops at Varna at all, the force must have been made up of at least 100,000 men. An army at least that large, would be needed to withstand Bulgarian attacks until a larger force could be transported across the Black Sea from the Odessa region.

NITROGLYCERIN BLOWS UP.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 22.—The nitroglycerin plant of the Aetna Powder Company at Fayville, Ill., 26 miles from here, was blown up yesterday.

Three thousand pounds of nitroglycerin exploded owing to chemical reactions.

These reactions gave off fumes, thereby warning the workmen, all of whom escaped.

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THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

Spirit of Holiday is Manifested on All Sides

Four more days and the opportunity for Christmas shopping will be gone. Despite the shop-early campaign the numbers of shoppers in the stores is at the point of crush. What would it have been without the multitudes of purchases made in the weeks that have passed? In consequence, as much work as are the faithful and devoted salespeople of the city's stores, they are not taxed to the point of frayed nerves that would have been their experience had the shop-early campaign not have been conducted so successfully. As a result the stores and stocks of Christmas goods that have exchanged hands is not less than phenomenal. Santa Claus has been aided and abetted by the shoppers of the city and he should have golden smiles upon his face as he makes his way from house to house over the roof-tops and descends the chimneys with his loaded packs. The Christmas rush has been the rush of the aids and adjuncts of the great gift giver. And as the salesladies and men have wrapped up the parcels, Santa has been present to wreathe them with his smiles of good-will and of cheer. So that when the Christmas gifts are dispensed and are opened they will be found to contain very much more than that which represents the cost price. They will be found to contain the quintessence of good will, the spirit of joy and rejoicing and the firm and fast friendship that gives value to many gifts.

From highly decorative Christmas cards that breathe the choicest seasonal greetings that the poets and the framers of prose sentiments have been able to devise, to the most ultitarian of articles the purchases have ranged. And into the act of purchasing has gone the sentiment of love and the spirit of good will. Many gifts will be made in money, but this will be turned into articles of value. After Christmas buying for a few weeks will really present part of the Christmas purchasing.

During the last days of the Christmas shopping season the stores will be even more brilliant than heretofore. The very last of the stocks, marvelously augmented from time to time, will be placed upon sale. There are hundreds of eager unseen faces about the toy counters and the counters where the articles of clothing are disposed of. They are the faces of the children of the uncared for, those to whom Christmas will mean little unless the merciful spirit of Santa Claus shall enter into the hearts of the better-provided shoppers and lead them to include in their gift-making some little friendless ones to whom their gifts will be a real blessing.

The remaining days will find purchases made for those who have been put off for the last moment because feelers had been sent out to ascertain what would be acceptable to the persons, for the spirit of gift-giving is to have the gift as pleasing and as useful as the recipient may desire. The stores are very hospitable. None need be over looked, And today is the time to go over the shopping list and to see that the names are checked off of all those who have been provided for and the names added of all those who had been forgotten. The season is a gracious one and the opportunities of the season are delightful, provided that gift making is not for the purpose of reciprocity or for the intrinsic value of the articles bestowed.

Let everyone take time by the forelock and shop today and finish up the gift-buying before the sure laggards of the buying hosts enter upon

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NET CLOSING ON PLOTTERS

Department of Justice Ready to Move Against Conspirators

EYES ON MASTER MIND

Can Lay Hands on Him at Any Time—Whole Gang Under Surveillance of Federal Agents.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Department of Justice is about ready to move simultaneously against all the conspirators who have been plotting against the industries of this country since the outbreak of the European war. Officials of the department are convinced that they have under surveillance every man concerned in the country-wide plots.

The man higher up is not to be molested for the present. To place him under arrest, it is said, would mean simply that the dough bag would be transferred to somebody else and the work continued, it is stated.

"We know who the master mind of this conspiracy is," said an official today. "He has been under surveillance for weeks and we can lay our hands on him at any moment. We also know who have been employed to start fires, plant bombs and commit other overt acts aimed at American industries.

"We are on their heels and shall give them rope up to the very point of accomplishing their purposes and then nab them in ample time to send them to prison without having been able to do the country any harm. After we have these fellows corraled we shall seize the principal and put a final quietus on the whole conspiracy."

Department officials admitted it has been a long and difficult task to reach the point where the en is visible The confession of Frederick Metzler in New York is declared to have been of incalculable value.

The official upon whom Attorney-General Gregory counts to convict those conspirators says that within the past week the Government had obtained absolute and complete knowledge of every secret plan of the plotters; that every member of the gang was under constant surveillance, and that more than 1,000 secret agents of the Government, representing every executive department, were ready at a given signal to lay their hands on the entire corps of conspirators.

The financial transactions of the managers of the conspiracy have been unearthed through the investigations of Secret Service men and bank examiners. In this manner, it is declared, a number of prominent Americans have been discovered to be active plotters against American industries and violators of the neutrality laws.

So complete is the information now in the hands of the Government that it is stated at the department that there is no longer any fear that further extensvie damage would be done by these plotters. It was declared that plans to destroy three or four large munitions plants became known to agents of the Department of Justice recently. These plans were abandoned by the plotters just after the agents were preparing to make arrests.

LOCAL BREVITIES

George O. Greene, editor of the Clifton Forge Daily Review, spent a few hours in Alexandria yesterday.

A two story frame tenement house on the south side of Wythe street between Patrick and Henry was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

The Alexandria market will remain open all day Friday and will be closed the entire day Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth and Miss Lucy Walker of Marshall, Va., are visiting their cousin Mrs. J. L. Grimm, in Duke Street.

Victoria B. Vickers has sold to John M. Pritchell, a two story brick residence, on the west side of Royal street, between Wolfe and Wilkes streets.

The Virginia Athletic Club will hold an important meeting tonight in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Christmas German of the Alexandria German Club will be held tonight in the Elks' Auditorium.

Mr. C. E. Entwistle, is at the Alexandria Hospital, suffering with a fractured arm.

PROHIBITION WILL RECEDE.

Reached Crest in Arizona, Declares Model License Head.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 22.—"The prohibition wave, like any other wave, must topple at its crest," said T. M. Gilmore, of this city, president, in making his report at the annual meeting of the National Model License League here yesterday.

"The crest was reached when a genuine prohibition bill became operative in Arizona this year. As soon as the effects of this drastic measure began to be felt the units of the prohibition wave commenced falling over each other in a wild effort to get back to normal conditions.

"Prohibitionists of Arizona are appealing to the courts for a nullification of the law and to prospective lawmakers for its resubmission. The plea is made that the voters thought they were voting for such laws as prevail in Maine and Kansas and other prohibition States, wherein everybody may lawfully obtain liquors for any purpose desired.

"The history of the prohibition wave that arose so high and fell so far in 1855 is about to be repeated."

Old officers were re-elected, including Mr. Gilmore.

FOR NAVY EQUAL TO ANY.

General Board Would Have U. S. Take This As Goal.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The American Navy should be "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world" not later than 1925, in the opinion of the Navy General Board, headed by Admiral Dewey.

The annual report of the board, made public last night, discloses that this naval policy was formulated by the body in July last in answer to the following propositions propounded by Secretary Daniels when the Administration arrived at its decision to enter upon a campaign of national preparedness:

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SERVIANS BLAME ALLIES FOR RUIN

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KING PETER IN ITALY

Aged Monarch Hopes to Regain Strength to Return to War Front—Believes in Ultimate Victory.

Rome, Dec. 22—It is announced that King Peter, of Servia has arrived at Caserta, Italy, 20 miles north of Naples. He is accompanied by Premier Pachitch.

Great numbers of Servian refugees of all classes, including Cabinet Ministers, Deputies, writers and artists, are arriving in Italy at the ports of Bari, Brindisi, Messina and Catania.

King Peter is said to be almost prostrated, but it is his intention, if his strength permits, to go to the front to meet King Victor Emmanuel and express to him the gratitude of the Servian nation for Italy's sympathy, hospitality and assistance. He still hopes, with the support of the allies to reconquer his country and dictate terms of peace from Sofia.

All the Servians arriving in Rome declare that their ruin was due chiefly to the insistance of the allies that they wait for diplomatic negotiations instead of attacking Bulgaria before the latter was ready. This delay, they say, caused not only their defeat, but the ruin of their country as certain regions have been put to fire and sword, resulting in the crushing, especially of everything dear to the Servians in patriotic memories.

Servian staff officers say the situation might still have been saved had only one army corps of entente troops arrived in time to aid the Servians at Vranya. In proof of this, they point to the fact that the Servians, while withdrawing, took 70,000 prisoners half of whom died from typhoid epidemics during the retreat.

New York, Dec. 22 —The entente allies have formed a joint relief commission with headquarters in Rome, to co-operate with the American relief clearing house in Paris for the relief of suffering in Servia, Montenegro and Albania, and of refugees in northern Greece, according to cable advices from Paris. The plight of the people of these countries has made the formation of such a commission urgent, and every effort will be made to forward relief through the base at Rome.

Arrangements are being made to charter an American vessel to carry supplies from Marseilles or an Italian port to Antivari, Montnegro for transshipment to Scutari, where they will be distributed.

Neutral Party Has 100 Majority

Athens, Dec. 22—Former Premier Gounaris, "neutrality party" leader, will have a majority of more than 100 in the new Greek parliament, according to incomplete returns today. With thirty districts not heard from the Gounarists have elected 206 members; the followers of M. Theotokis, 40; the Rallists, 30; and the followers of Diminitricopoulist, 11 members.

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Superintendent of Southern Railway Sends Letter to Chief Gronau

Robert E. Gronau, chief of the Alexandria Fire Department, has received the following letter from W. C. Hudson, superintendent of the Southern Railway, extending thanks for the assistance rendered on the occasion of the fire which destroyed a large number of cars in the Southern Railway yards, causing a damage of $25,000:

"The prompt manner in which the Alexandria Fire Department responded and the efficient work rendered by it in extinguishing the fire in the bad order field at Alexandria on December 1, 1915, is appreciated to the fullest extent and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I express to you and to the members of the organization through you the appreciation of the Southern Railway Company for the assistance rendered."

A. H. S. WINS OPENER.

Basketball Season Inaugurated by Victory Against Eaton A. C.

By a score of 31 to 22 the Alexandria High School basketball quint defeated the five representing the Eaton A. C. of Washington last night in the Armory. The game was fast and well-played by both teams, throughout. It was the first regular contest of the season for the High School, the game scheduled for last Tuesday with the Epiphany team being cancelled by the latter.

Individual work of Keene and Summers for the winners and of Culligan and McCarthy for the losers featured the contest. Keene, A. H. S. right forward, making eight successful shots for the basket from the floor.

Schafer, star left forward of the A. H. S., was unable to participate in the contest last night owing to illness.

The summary was as follows:

A. H. S.	Pos.	E. A. C.
Travers,	L. F.	Culligan
Keene	R. F.	McCarthy
Summers	C.	Mahoney
G. Pohl	R. G.	McCarty
Duncan	L. G.	Bornet

Goals from floor, Keene (8), Summers (5), Pohl (1), Culligan (4), McCarthy (3), Mahoney (1), McCarty (2), Goals from Foul, Summers (3). Substitutions, Kelly for Travers, Bitzer for Kelly, Terry for Bornet. Refree, Mr. Williams. Timekeeper, Mr. Preston. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

Christmas Eve, at Washington the local school team will line up against the strong Western High School basketers, who defeated them in a practice game recently. Basketball will then be suspended for the holidays. The first play after the return to school to take place January 4, against Eastern High School.

LOST—An English Setter, white with one black ear. Answers to the name of Rex. Name and address on collar. Liberal reward if returned to F. Williams, 1812 R. Street, northwest, Washington, Phone N. 9 or notify Alexandria Gazette.

The City Market will be closed all day Saturday and will be open all day Friday. L. D. LYLES.

Festive Scenes Among Catholic Children at St. Mary's Academy Last Night

Christmas celebrations of the Sunday schools of Alexandria commenced last night when the children of St. Mary's Catholic Church were entertained at St. Mary's Academy.

Dates of other Christmas celebrations will be as follows:

Thursday, December 23, 4 p. m.; Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Friday, December 24, 4:30 p. m.; St. Paul's Episcopal, in Parish Hall. Christ Episcopal, in Parish Hall.

Friday, December 24, 7 p. m.; Immanuel Lutheran.

Monday, December 27, 3 p. m.; Primary and Beginners grades, Southern Methodist in Young People's building.

Tuesday, December 28, 7:30 p. m.; main school of Southern Methodist, in Young People's building; Second Baptist, Grace Episcopal.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m.; Second Presbyterian in Westminster building, Trinity Methodist, Methodist Protestant.

Thursday, December 30, 7:30 p.m.; First Baptist.

WOMAN DRIVEN TO END LIFE.

Leaves Pathetic Christmas Notes to Husband and Daughter She Orphaned.

Boston, Dec. 22. — When Santa Claus enters the home of Edward P. Gerhardt, No. 8, Crandall street, Christmas eve, the good Saint's furrows will be somewhat deep, and it is thought that, while in the neighborhood, he will pass by a number of homes. Mrs. Gerhardt has passed away, having committed suicide, because of her gossiping neighbors. She left behind her two notes, one addressed to her husband and the other to her 13 year old daughter, Margaret.

Learning that the neighbors were talking about her, Mrs. Gerhardt, who was of a supersensitive disposition, started to worry, and the mental load she conjured up proved too much for her.

In the letter to her husband she spoke of the long-planned-for, but never to arrive Christmas. The letter to Margaret was a follows:

"My Dear Child:—I am going to leave you. I am sorry to do this, but I must. I want you to be a good girl, to go to Sunday school and church regularly. You must not think of what I have done. You must grow up to be a good woman and do what is right and then you will be happy. May God bless you and keep you is my prayer. "MOTHER."

Amsterdam, Dec. 22—Bulgarian troops are entrenching at several points along the Serbo-Greek frontier, according to advices received here today. Austro-German troops continue to move toward the border, a detachment of 10,000 having passed through Brusnik, near Krivolak, yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Odd Fellow Joint Stock Co., will be held Wednesday January 3rd, 1916, at Odd Fellows Hall, south Columbus street, Alexandria, Va., at 8 p. m. C. C. Brooks, President; W. H. Skinner, Secretary. 22-3t

Alexandria Automobilists, Housekeepers and Others Must Pay Higher Prices

Gasoline has become a prime necessity in many homes in Alexandria and a large number of the wholesale and retail merchants use it as the motive power of their delivery wagons. The price of the fluid has therefore become a matter of concern and the recent rapid increase in its price has affected many. It took another jump yesterday when the price was advanced to 21 cents a gallon at wholesale. This marks another rise of 1 cent, and the end it not yet, according to the dealers. Indications point strongly to a 25-cent market for this product in a very short time.

At the level of 21 cents wholesale, the retail price is now 24 cents a gallon in many localities which are visited by local automobilists. It is difficult to fix a basis for the retail price of gasoline, as the price is largely governed by the surroundings and the trouble retailers have in replenishing their supply.

The price compares with low point of 12 cents a gallon paid last year.

The reduction of the supply of crude oil in the richest fields, both in the East and the West, is given as the main reason for the advance. The producers it is said, have been slow to sell the crude oil, being confident it would bring higher prices.

The war has been an important factor in the situation. This has closed or has greatly curtailed the oil production in the wells of Russia and Galicia and has thrown the foreign demand on the supply of the United States.

Kerosene and other illuminants extracted from petroleum have been going up for similar reasons. On account of the war this country is supplying a foreign demand for illuminants which previously was met by oil plants in Russia and other countries in the war zone.

The only possible chance for a check in the rising price of gasoline during the war, it was said by those familiar with conditions, was the opening of some big gushers.

The fact that gasoline went up to 17 cents in 1913 and then dropped to 13 and 14 cents in 1914 and early in 1915 is due to the application in 1913 of improved methods of treating crude oil under which an increase in the proportion of gasoline was obtained and to the opening in that year of the gushers in the mid-continent oil fields, situated chiefly in Oklahoma.

UNDERWOOD NOT A CANDIDATE.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Widely published reports that Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, would be a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in opposition to President Wilson, were set at rest yesterday by Mr. Underwood, when he issued a statement saying he is not seeking the Presidency and he will support Mr. Wilson for renomination.

Mr. Underwood also stated that he has not held any conference with Speaker Clark, pledging his support to the Speaker should the latter run.

The Alabama Senator expressed his opinion that Mr. Wilson will be renominated.

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OTHER FAMOUS MAKES FOR—$3.50, $3.00, $2.50.
OUR SPECIAL—$1.95

QUEEN QUALITY—$3.50, $4, $4.50
J — T COUSINS—$4.00, $5.00
RED CROSS—$4.00, $4.50.
LINDNER—$3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $5.
BOSTON FAVORITE—$2.50, $2.75 $3
OUR SPECIAL—$1.95

High Top Rubber Boots for Boys and Girls
$1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $3.00

MENS SLIPPERS.—75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00
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CHILDRENS SHOES—At Every Price From 25c to $3.50.

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YOU WANT A COSY FLAT

Only one left on 2nd floor, South side and front windows in the

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It will surprise you to see the improvements in both the building and neighborhood. This flat has 5 rooms and bath, hot water heat janitor's service and water included in rent $22.50

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Himself and his own show, presenting the "BEN HUR" of burlesque.

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Nothing to equal a box of good cigars and no cigars at the price can equal Hamilton and Co's made in Alexandria. Boxes of 25 Choice $1.00

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Fine brick house containing six rooms including bath. Large rear lot.

VERY LOW PRICE

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FOR JEWISH RELIEF FUND

Wicker Baskets Filled with Jewelry Added to $715,000 Collected in New York.

New York. Dec. 22—One of the most intensely dramatic scenes ever enacted in New York occurred last night at a meeting of the American Jewish Relief Committee at Carnegie Hall.

Within the short space of half an hour the sum of $715,000 was collected to alleviate the suffering of war-stricken Jews. Hysterical women and weeping men, after contributing their last cent, threw their jewelry on the stage.

Four anoymous donations of $100,000 each were announced from among the audience. Two others of $50,000 were announced and scores of lesser donations poured in.

Four huge piles of envelopes filled with checks and bills occupied the front of the stage. There were two large wicker baskets filled to the top with rings, watches, fobs and other jewelry.

SHOWERS GOLD UPON PRIEST

Parishioners Give Him $1000 in Coin and Check for Like Amount

Wilmington, Del. Dec. 22—The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Edward J. Mealey, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, came to a happy ending Monday night when the members of the church demonstrated in a very substantial manner their appreciation of the work Father Mealey has been doing in their behalf. At the reception held in Father Mealey's honor he was presented with $1000 in gold. 100 $10 gold pieces and also a check for $1000.

Rev. James J. McKenna, assistant pastor of the church, made the presentation speech on behalf of the parishioners. The jubilarian was much surprised and affected by the gifts. He received many other presents from friends in all parts of the country and several hundred persons attended the reception.

DUKE'S DEBTS WORRY WIFE

Duchess, Formerly Helen Zimmerman Adjusting Manchester's Affairs.

London. Dec. 22—The Duchess of Manchester (formerly Helen Zimmerman, of Cincinnati) is endeavoring to straighten out her husband's financial affairs. The Duke recently was declared bankrupt.

It is understood that an offer of a certain price on the dollar will be made to the Duke's creditors by the trustees of the Zimmerman estate in America. This course, if accepted will obviate the necessity of the Duke being publicly examined in bankruptcy Court, a proceeding to which the Duchess strenuously objects.

Among the list of creditors which has not yet been made public there is entered the sum of £109,500 (about $540,000) which the Duke is said to have owed to the trustees of the late Eugene Zimmerman. Of this total £55,000 ($275,000) is unsecured, but for the remainder the trustees hold full security. These totals represent sums advanced to the Duke by the father of the Duchess since 1910.

ALL WRONG.

The Mistake is Made by Many Alexandria Citizens.

Look for the cause of backache.

To be cured you must know the cause.

If it's weak kidneys you must set the kidneys working right.

An Alexandria resident tells you how.

Mrs. W. A. Waring, 304 north Patrick Street, Alexandria, says: "I suffered awfully at times from my back and inflammation of the bladder. I used to be in such misery during these attacks that I had to have injections of morphine to relieve the pain. My back ached so badly that I thought it would kill me. The kidney secretions caused me terrible suffering and the pains in the top and back of my head nearly drove me insane. I often got so dizzy that I could hardly keep from falling and I felt sick all over. Nothing did me any good until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at E. S. Leadbeater's & Son's Drug Store. The first box gave me great relief. I used several boxes altogether and they stopped that awful pain in my back and head and made my kidneys normal. Since then, I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills as soon as I have noticed any signs of kidney disorder and they have never failed to give me quick relief."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy— get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. W. A. Waring, had Foster Millburn Co., Prop., Buffalo, N. Y.

CAPTURE OF VARNA

Bulgaria's Chief Black Sea Port in Hands of Russians

London, Dec. 22—The Daily Chronicle reports the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea port, by the Russians. It says the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins. The garrison suffered heavily it was said.

The Russians then, according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without loss and in sufficient force to hold the town against Bulgarian attack.

The bombarding squadron consisted of a cruiser and two destroyers, acting as convoy for sixteen Russian transports filled with troops

This announcement comes on the heels of a report from Russian source that the Czar had practically abandoned his campaign against Bulgaria. It was reported that the forces which had been concentrated along the Roumanian frontier were being deflected to an attack on Bukowina.

The present is the second Russian naval demonstration before Varna.

Mother Kills Daughter.

Cincinnati, Ohio. Dec. 22—Mrs. Minne Schmitz, awoke her husband, George Schmitz, a carpenter, early today and told him she had killed their daughter, Gertrude, seventeen. Schmitz found the chld was tsarngled with a necktie. The police say Mrs. Schmitz told them she had killed Gertrude because the latter had been wayward.

SEVERE PUNISHMENT

Of Mrs. Chappell, of Five Years' Standing, Relieved by Cardui.

Mt. Airy, N. C.—Mrs. Sarah M. Chappell of this town, says: "I suffered for five years with womanly troubles, also stomach troubles, and my punishment was more than any one could tell.

I tried most every kind of medicine, but none did me any good.

I read one day about Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I decided to try it. I had not taken but about six bottles until I was almost cured. It did me more good than all the other medicines I had tried, put together.

My friends began asking me why I looked so well, and I told them about Cardui. Several are now taking it."

Do you, lady reader, suffer from any of the ailments due to womanly trouble, such as headache, backache, sideache, sleeplessness, and that everlastingly tired feeling?

If so, let us urge you to give Cardui a trial. We feel confident it will help you, just as it has a million other women in the past half century.

Begin taking Cardui to-day. You won't regret it. All druggists.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for *Special Instructions* on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J. 104

XMAS PRESENTS

For Old and Young. Child, Man or Woman.

I have a large and complete stock of things that are suitable for Christmas presents, more than double the amount of goods that I have ever carried before, and cordially invite you to call and examine my line.

Lowney's Candies

A large shipment of the freshest candies just received in fancy gift boxes, from 10 cents to $6.00 each. If you want to make a present to a lady there is nothing more appropriate.

Christmas Candies

In addition to the finer candies I carry all grades and at all prices, boxed and in bulk.

Cigars and Pipes

If you want to make a man happy give him a fine box of cigars or a pipe. You will find in my store a complete assortment of smoking materials from the domestic cigar at $1.00 a box to the finest imported Havanas. Pipes at all prices.

Toys and Novelties

Our line of toys and novelties is now ready for your inspection. See our line of knives, good steel at very low prices. Knives from 25c to $2.

Electric Flashlights

For your friend that owns an automobile or for your country cousin let me suggest an electric flashlight. A big assortment. You save money by buying from me.

Jog to Memory

A few things you will find here that will be useful for Christmas—fancy soaps, thermos bottles, books and magazines, fountain pens, safety razors.

J. REECE CATON
128 South Royal Street.

THE FIRST NATIOIAL BANK of Alexandria, Va., December 10th, 1915

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on January 11th, 1916, at 11 a. m. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting

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Ask your dealer for the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Co's products.
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
Of Valuable House and Five (5) Acre Lot At Barcroft, Alexandria County, Virginia

By virtue of authority conferred by deed of trust made by B. L. Lampkin and Jessie J. Lampkin, his wife to the undersigned trustee, bearing date the 27th. day of June, 1914, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Alexandria County, Virginia, in Liber No. 143, folio 206, and at the request of the party thereby secured, default having been made in the payment of interest secured by the said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1915, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on the premises, the following described property, to wit:

All of lot or section numbered 1, a portion of the tract of land known as William Bishop's Addition to South Barcroft, as the same appears of record in Liber No. 139, at folio 331 et seq., one of the Land Records of Alexandria county, Virginia, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the land herein advertised; said lot of land containing five (5) acres, and being the same land which was conveyed by William F. Bishop and Fay C. Bishop, his wife, to the said B. L. Lampkin, by deed bearing date the 23rd day of June, 1914, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Alexandria County, Virginia, in Liber No. 143, folio 206; and the valuable dwelling house situated thereon.

Terms of sale—CASH.

Cost of conveyancing at the expense of the purchaser.

Ten days allowed for examination of the title.

Deposit of $100 required on the day of sale.

C. E. NICOL
Trustee.

Persons who have stomach troubles are apt to become discouraged. They will see by the following that their chances of recovery are excellent. A K. William, Independence, Va., tells of a remarkable cure that was effected in that vicinity. One of his customers was so badly afflicted with stomach trouble that he was sent to a hospital, but received little benefit and came home to die. Mr. Williams suggested that he try Chamberlain's Tablets which he did, and today he is a well man and weighs 175 pounds. Obtainable everywhere.

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Kalem presents Joseph Smith and Laura Hamilton in
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Broadway favorite four parts.

See the mighty grandeur, the marvellous beauty of
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In a wonderful panorama of tons of water thundering down. Edison

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Ivan Christy, Charles H. Mailes, Mary Malatesta and Joseph McDermott in
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RIOTING IN MEXICO

Two Americans Said to Have Been Killed in Disturbances

El Paso, Tex. Dec. 22—Three hundred Mexicans, former soldiers of Francisco Villa, rioting in Juarez, opposite here, yesterday afternoon and before order was restored, two Americans had been killed and, according to reports, a number of Mexicans lost their lives.

The Villa soldiers, reaching Juarez yesterday from the interior, were in a desperate condition for lack of food. Being months in arrears in pay and in possession of the town they at once began looting saloons and stores. Reported tonight from Juarez were that order had finally been restored.

Heavily armed Mexico and American troops are lined opposite banks of the Rio Grande.

George Morrow, an American saloon keeper, was killed by soldiers while attempting to close his door against them.

BALKS AT BISCUITS.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Ignatz Hirsch is very sick, but believes that he is improving, Ignatz told Judge Murphy that hard cold biscuits caused his illness. These biscuits, he said, were cooked or bought by his wife, Lena, from whom he was divorced.

"All she gave me was biscuits," said Ignatz, "Morning, noon and night, it was biscuits, and a little water to wash them down."

The husband further testified that his wife paid little attention to their home, that she was away most of the time, and told him when he complained that biscuits were plenty good enough for him, even if they were hard.

UPWARD TREND OF STOCKS

New York, Dec. 22.—Although price changes were small at the opening of the Stock Exchange today, such changes as occurred were for the most past upward. General Motors preferred opened up 7-8 on reports of a merger; Mercantile Marine gained 3-4 at 74 7-8,; Mexwell gained a half point, and American Smelting, 3-8.

Pittsburgs Saving Bank Closed

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22—The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings was ordered closed today by order of the State banking department. It is said the bank has $10,000,000 in deposits. Many depositors crowded before the closed doors, frantic to withdraw their savings.

'GETS-IT" FOR GORNS! SURE AS SUNRISE,

Any Corn, With "Gets-It" on It, Is an Absolute "Goner!"

Yes, it's the simplest thing in the world to get rid of a corn—when you use "Gets-It" the world's greatest corn-ridder, Really, it's almost a pleasure to have corns just to see them come off, with "Gets-it," It just loosens the corn from the true flesh easily, and then make it come 'clean off". 48 hours ends corns for keeps. It makes the use of tape, corn-squeezing bandages ,irritating slaves knives scissors, and razors really look ridiculous. Get rid of those corns quickly, surely, painlessly,—just easily,—with "Gets-It's the 20th century way.

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FOR SALE— One 1915 model, Pullman Touring Car, Practically new. Guaranteed to be in perfect condition. Run about 3,500 miles. Will sell at a sacrifice price For particulars call at 1119 King Street. H. R. Walter. 20-3t.

WANTED—Antique, square and Upright pianos. Hugo Worch, No. 1110 G street, Washington, D. C.

FOR SALE—Electric meat grinder in perfect order, will sell reasonable, address Mr. Frank Entwistle, 424 south Fairfax street. 15-3t.

FOR RENT—Brick dwelling, 607 Princess St. Hot and cold water, bath, sewerage connection. Fifteen dollars ($15.00) per month. Inquire at 411 N. Washington St., or to E. E. DOWNHAM, Cor. King and Payne Streets.

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MADE WIFE THE JUDGE.

Mrs. Evelyn Thompson seated herself with dignity in a chair beside Justice Levinson on the bench of the Southern Police Court of Baltimore yesterday afternoon and in tones that even the magistrate himself would have had difficulty assuming sentenced her young husband to "be good" from henceforth, with the penalty of going to jail if he failed.

"You're the judge now." said Justice Levinson after he had invited her behind the bench with him. "Whatever sentence you pass upon him will be executed. Do you want him sent to jail or fined? it's up to you."

Neither Mrs. Thompson nor her husband smiled or took it as a joke. Thompson, in the capacity of prisoner facing his wife in the capacity of Judge, hung his head, and his wife, a little afraid, but proud, too, of the power, tilted her's a little higher. Then she sentenced him, but more mildly, she declared, than she will next time.

Thompson, she testified, had come home intoxicated with a friend who was more intoxicated. Mrs. Thompson, dressing a doll for her little daughter, saw them at the back gate and tried to get her husband to send his friend away, but Thompson had invited him to take a nap on the parlor couch. He stood by his invitation even at the cost of having to beat his wife on the head until he broke her hairpins she said.

The above procedure is not original. Several years ago a number of wives in Alexandria made complaint at the station house against their husbands. Some alleged ill-treatment; others non-support. In most cases they desired the Police Court to reprimand and threaten their liege lords. But when the defendants were placed in the box the court put it up to the women to pass sentence. The derelicts were rendered extremly uncomfortabl when they realized their long-suffering wives were vested with the power of putting them upon the public roads for ninety days and the offenders were ready to listen to any overtures of peace. The couples almost invariable became reconciled and never reappeared in court.

"THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S."

Many well-meaning people in this world mistake their calling, especially multitudes who pose as spiritual guides, and who should concentrate their powers upon that line alone. Many ministers and laymen are now rushing to the front and suggesting what the government should do in this greatest of all crises in the world's history. To arm or disarm? that is the question which seems to disturb these elements unnecessarily. We all love peace, but how to maintain it is the vital question. In one of the Hebrew prophets we read that in the latter day a predatory power will cast covetous eyes upon the City of the Great King and say "Here is a city without walls." Should the United States be allowed to drift through these perilous times when there is no telling what a day may bring forth?

President Wilson thinks wisely. We are peaceful people, but we should keep our powder dry.

Aesop in one of his fables tells of a boar being engaged in whetting its tusks against a tree. Another animal asks the cause of such a procedure, as no enemy is in sight. The boar is quoted as saying, "No, but should one appear I'd have no time to sharpen my tusks."

A crude hint, but one that should be heeded. The Baltimore Sun in speaking of the Ministerial Union's action in that city says :

We congratulate the Ministerial Union on shelving the resolution against national defense. Ministers as well as laymen have a right to their individual opinions on public questions, but the special work to which they have devoted their lives demands a more than usual measure of discretion. Whenever they leave the field of morality and religion to take sides in state or national politics they impair their influence and weaken the cause to which they are consecrated. They have their hands full enough in performing the tasks that clearly belong to them. The question of national preparedness is not one which the ministry is called on to decide or which it is qualified to decide. It is essentially a public question with which, as a class, ministers have nothing to do. The Ministerial Union did a very sensible thing in sitting down on the overzealous brethren, and one which will prevent the criticism to which the opposite course would have given rise.

SAD STORY OF BLENNERHASSETT.

The Gazette at times reproduces incidents in our local history, also extracts from our national annals. Some of the latter, by reason of the many happenings of this day and the disposition, especially on the part of the young, to pore over the lighter literature of the times, are allowed to become mouldy. The sad story of Harmon Blennerhassett was well-known to the grandfathers of many now living, but it is new to the great majority at present. It should be familiar to all generations of Americans especially to Virginians, the soldiers from which state played a prominent part in blotting out the hopes of Aaron Burr and his dupe. The story of the wealthy Irishman who cast his lot with a man who played an unenviable part in the early history of the United States may be in season.

Fourteen miles below the mouth of the Muskingum, in the Ohio river, lies an island comprising about 200 acres which forms a part of Wood county, West Virginia, and is known as Blennerhassett Island.

Nearly a hundred years ago it was the scene of one of the most dramatic events ever presented in the West. To that island Harmon Blennerhassett, son of a wealthy and noble family or Ireland, brought his equally cultivated and aristocratic young wife in 1797, lured by descriptions of the beauty and wealth of the Western America, to establish their home.

Aaron Burr, bent on the establishment of a sovereign government somewhere in the West, with himself at the head of it, met the Blennerhassetts on a Western tour and drew them into his scheme. When the Government discovered the plot Blennerhassett was arrested with Burr, his princely home on the Ohio river was wrecked and despoiled, and the real estate attached by a creditor of Burr who held notes that Blennerhassett had indorsed.

In spite of this, Blennerhassett stood by Burr even in his disgrace, and it was not until he found that Burr having got from him all his property or caused him to lose it in one way or another, was willing to cast him aside, that his eyes were opened to the fact that he had been duped. Blennerhassett never recouped his fortunes. The wreck and ruin of his life and estate were complete and permanent.

In the trial for treason both Burr and Blennerhassett were acquitted, but were later haled before the State court of Ohio at Chillicothe to answer to a charge of violation of the laws of State. Those charges never came to trial.

Blennerhassett was born shortly after the middle of the eighteenth century. He died in poverty on the Island of Guernsey in 1821. His widow, returned broken hearted to the United States, secured the introduction of a bill in Congress giving her $10,000 damages for the destruction of the Blennerhassett home by the militia of Virginia on the occasion of the discovery of the Burr plot. Henry Clay championed her claim, but while it was pending she died.

The Blennerhassetts had three sons. The eldest became dissipated and died in a New Orleans debauch, the second was in imbecile and died in New York about 1854 and the other one was killed while serving as a soldier in the Confederate Army.

CONDITIONS IN BALTIMORE.

Many persons who read the report of alleged vice conditions in Baltimore, published yesterday, asked themselves the question, "Can such things be?" The report contained several colums of closely printed matter, which made it appear that Maryland's chief city was a modern Sodom. That many sad cases do exist in a city as large as Baltimore no one will attempt to dispute, but that the moral cancer has spread to the alarming extent depicted by the board was hard to credit.

Mayor Preston, who is in a position to know whereof he speaks, denies its accuracy. His honor and the board of estimate, the governing board of the city, at their meeting yesterday protested against the report of the commission.

"No such conditions exist," said the mayor. "As a general picture of Baltimore life and as a picture of the moral conditions in Baltimore the report is scandalous and untrue."

Dissenting from the opinion of the majority of the members of the vice commission, Frederick H. Gottlieb today filed a minority report.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Sarah Bernhardt is reported to be dying in Paris.

Undismayed by hostile criticism, and illness Henry Ford announces that he will remain in Europe until peace is declared.

Dr. Henry L. E. Johnson, 56, one of the best known surgeons in Washington died suddenly last night of heart trouble.

A dispatch from Athens states that the German steamer Leros and several other craft have been sunk by a British submarine in the Sea of Marmora.

William Schiebel, 45, of Brooklyn, was found dead by his daughter, Nine, Monday morning. He was hanging by a rope in the bathroom. Mr. Schiebel had been ill and despondent.

An attempt to assassinate Gen. Tedoroff, commander of the Bulgarian army in southern Servia, was made by a socialist soldier who fired at the commander three times. The soldier was immediately executed.

The France national defense loan has produced more than 14,000,000,000 francs ($2,800,000,000), according to the reports centralized at the ministry of finance up to the present.

Bitten on the cheek by her daughter, Mrs. Bridget McGerron, 57 years old, of Brooklyn, died at her home. The daughter, Mrs. Mary Miller, 28 years old, was arrested on a charge of mayhem which will be changed to homicide.

The State Department is preparing to send a supplemental note to France, protesting against the removal by the French cruiser Descartes of Wilhelm Garbe from the Hull-Insular liner Borinquen, Garbe is a naturalized American citizen.

Deputies with bloodhounds are trailing assassins who Monday night fired the home of John Maye, near Yorktown, Texas, Six persons, Maye, his wife, and their four children, were burned to death. It is believed neighbors with a grudge set the fire.

Mrs. Edward H. Cole, 40 years old, of New York, was killed by a subway train last night. She fell from the platform at the Grand Central station, and was crushed between a car and the platform. Her husband was severely injured in trying to save her.

A Saloniki dispatch states that many Greek women and children have been massacred by Turks at Moskonissia in Asia Minor. The massacre it was said, was caused by a band of Greek insurgents invading Moskonissia to avenge the murder of a fellow countryman. A British cruiser shelled the town.

Two men are missing and twenty-five others were injured as the result of an explosion in the Dextrine plant of the Corn Products Company at Shadyside, two miles from Edgewater, N. J., yesterday. The roof of the building was blown off and the walls collapsed. Fire, starting from the explosion, swept through the wreckage.

Mrs. Anna Clarralle, 26 years old, jumped from the window of her apartment on the fourth floor, of No. 519 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, New York, early yesterday morning. She landed on the stone pavement of the rear yard. Her legs were broken and she received internal injuries that may cause her death. At the Harlem Hospital she said she was "tired of living."

Col. E. H. House, of New York, is going to visit the capitals of Europe again on a mission from President Wilson. Although Col. House has denied that his trip is to have anything to do with peace, there is no doubt that President Wilson is sending him forth again chiefly for the purpose of getting in touch with opinion, official and otherwise, in the belligerent countries and determining whether the time is ripe for any peace move on the part of the President.

Baroness Jeanne d'Etreilis and her sister, Mme. Sylvie Montegut, importers of French gowns, were each fined $2,500 in the Federal District Court in New York yesterday for violating the customs laws. Each was placed in the custody of the United States marshal for one day for "moral effect" and as a warning to others. A fine of $500 also was imposed on Mme. Eva Strauss, known as Mme. Marienstras, for declaring model gowns from Paris to be her personal property.

Mrs. Anna Adelson, 45 years old, heroically gave her life yesterday in a fire, which totally destroyed her home at Reynoldsville, Pa., after she had rescued her four young children from the flames. Mrs. Adelson, faint from the dense smoke, entered the home a second time in an effort to save two sleeping children of a neighbor. The children were rescued a minute later by Hugh Haggerty, Central League baseball pitcher. Her body was found in a corner of a rear room.

The German reichstag yesterday adopted the credit of 10,000,000,000 marks, ($2,000,000,000) asked by the government, the socialist minority of nineteen opposing the vote, according to a Berlin dispatch forwarded by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam. The socialists' spokesman, Friedrich August Karl Geyer, according to the dispatch, declared that all endeavors for peace had failed because of the annexation aims of both sides.

Capt. von Papen, the recalled German military attache, sailed from New York today on a Holland-American liner.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Three hundred dolls have been dressed by students of Randolph-Macon Woman's College for distribution among the poor children of Lynchburg, Va., on Christmas.

After reviewing 27 cases in which petitions were made for pardons, Governor Stuart yesterday announced the granting of clemency to 14, none of whom are from this section of the state.

Death evidently occuring during the night from a hemorrhage, the body of John H. Gayle, a clerk in the accounting department at the Norfolk Navy Yard, was found yesterday morning in a room at a hotel, in Norfolk.

G. C. Blankenship, a young man of Petersburg, went home intoxicated Monday night and quarreled with his parents. He subsequently, probably through remorse, attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. He appeared in court yesterday morning with his head in bandages and was sent to jail for 60 days for assault.

The death of Turber Sweet, cadet at Virginia Military Institute at Lexington and son of a Chicago millionaire, was not due to hazing, the institute's board of visitors decided yesterday. Nothing to justify the belief that young Sweet was hazed at the institute was found during the board's investigation, it was announced, and several physicians testified that death was due to myelitis, an affection of the spine which is not caused by rough treatment.

KILLED UNDER AUTO.

Young Man of Sykesville, Md., Is Dragged to Death.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Harry C. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Carter, a merchant of Sykesville, Carroll county, was killed at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by an automobile in which he was riding turning turtle on the Old Frederick road, near West Friendship, Howard county.

William M. Gill, 2025 West Lanvale street, who also was in the car, was cut about the head and was taken to Franklin Square Hospital by William Feeney, of Granite, who happened by at the time of the accident. His injuries are not serious. J. Roy Phillinger, also of 2025 West Lanvale street, who was operating the machine, escaped serious injury.

The accident happened on the 17-mile hill, just west of Mayfield, a village near West Friendship. The car was coming toward Baltimore and, in turning out of the way of an approuching automobile, the rear wheel broke down. This caused the car to turn completely over and the occupants were thrown out.

FELL FROM SMOKESTACK.

York, Pa., Dec. 22.—R. J. Krouse, 19 years old, of Woodbine, was killed yesterday evening in a fall from a smokestack at New Freedom. While being hoisted to the top of the 110-foot stack, the cable broke when he was half way up and he dropped to the ground. His skull was fractured and he sustained other injuries. He was employed by the Contesville boiler works.

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Live turkey .. 22c lb.
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Loose raisins .. 12c lb.
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In gold filled mountings $2 to $5.00
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With 1 or 8 day movements
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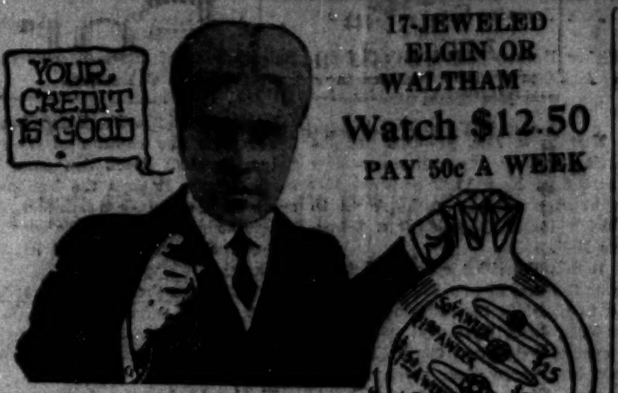

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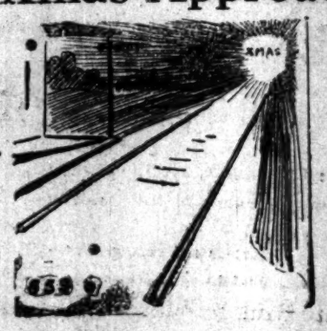
Auto gloves, pair $1.50 to $5.
Wool gloves pair .. 25c to 50c
Fleece lined gloves 25c to $2.50
Rain Coats .. $5. to $15.00
Neck ties ..... 25c to $1.50
Bath robes .. $2.98 to $7.50
Handkerchiefs .... 5c to 50c
Auto robes .. $2.98 to $6.50
Suit cases .. $2.50 to $12.00
Night robes, 50c, 75c, $1., $1.50
Pajamas, $1., $1.50, $2., $2.50 and $300
Hole proof hose, pair 25c, 35c, d 50c
Onyx hose, pair 25c, 50c and $1
Interwoven hose, pair 25c, 35c, and 50c
Pocket books, each 25c to $2.50
Cuff buttons, pair .. 25c to $1
Scarf pins .... 25c to $1.00
Silk handkerchiefs 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00
Linen handkerchiefs, 15c, 25c 35c, and 50c.
Cotton handkerchiefs, 5c, 10c and 12 1-2c
Underwear .... 50c to $2.50
Union suits .... $1 to $2.50
Wool hose pair 25c
Collar boxes each $1.50
Trunks .... $5.00 to $15.00
Traveling bags $2.50 to $15.
Umbrellas .... $1.00 to $10
Suspenders, pair 25c, 50c, 75c, and $1.00
Combination sets, 50c, 75c, $1. and $1.50
Sweaters ..... $1.00 to $7.50
Arrow collars ..... 2 for 25c
Manchester shirts $1.00
Manhattan shirts $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50
Garland shirts each 50c
Garters pair .. 15c, 25c, and 50c
Flannel top shirts $1.00, $1.50 and $2.50
Evening scarfs $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00
Bath slippers pair 50c and $1.
Evening vests, each $2.50
White pique vests each .. $1.50
Work gloves, pair 25c to $2.00

Useful gifts for Boys

Dress gloves, pair, 50c $1.00, and $1.25
Wool gloves pair .. 25c and 50c
Lined gauntlets pair 50c, $1, and $1.25
Sweaters each 50c, $1.00, $1.25 and $2.50
Neck ties each .... 25c and 50c
Collars ..... 2 for 25c
Shirts ..... 50c and 75c
Hosiery pair 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c and 25c
Underwear ..... 25 and 50c
Union suits ..... 50c and $1
Bath robes $2.25, $2.98 and $3.25
Handkerchiefs 5c, 10c & 12 1-2c
Suspenders ..... 15c and 25c
Night robes 50c
Pajamas .... 50c and $1.00
Blouses ..... 25c and 50c
Pocket books ..... 25c and 50c
Suits ..... $3.50 to $7.50
Overcoats .... $2.50 to $5.00
Rain coats .. $2.50 to $5.00
Gloves ..... 25c to 50c
Caps ..... 25c to 50c
Hose.. 12 1-2c, 15c and 25c
Pencil boxes .. 10c to $1.00
Handkerchiefs ..... 5c to 25c
Ties ..... 25c to $1.00
Shirts ..... 25c to $1.00
Pajamas ..... 50c to $1.00
Blouses ..... 25c to $1.00
Sweaters ..... 50c to $1.50
Suspenders ..... 25c to 50c
Belts ..... 25c to 50c
Pocket books 15c, 25c and 50c
Pants pair ..... 50c to $1.50
Bath robes .... $1. to $3.50
Rain hats 50c

As Xmas Approaches



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Naval Oranges, doz. 20c
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Apples, peck 40c
Figs, lb. 20c
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Almonds, lb. 25c
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Pecans, lb. 20c
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THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

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their inevitable campaign of buying with the waning hours of Christmas Eve. It is still time to show consideration for the store people and to make purchases so that the very last days shall be freed from the climax of nerve wear that sends the salespeople to their homes unfit for the Christmas joy they have aided in bringing into the lives of so many.

With the coming of Saturday the slutation Merry Christmas will be heard. Let everyone seek to make it merry for someone else and to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive. There are many homes to gladden and many hearts to lighten and many to cheer with the graciousness of the spirit of Christmas good will. Charity is the finest brew from Christmas cheer.

PEACE MISSION HOPELESS

General Opinion That Ford Realizes It is a Miscarriage.

Christiania, Dec. 22.—That Henry Ford now realizes the hopelessness of obtaining concrete results from his peace mission, is the general opinion of men close to him today.

Ford, it is rumored, plans to end the peace trip in a perfunctory manner and as soon as possible. He is deeply disappointed at the lack of warmth of reception of the peace delegates in Norway and by the frank declaration of hositlity on the part of the Danish authorities.

These reports resulted from the fact that both Ford and Mme. Schwimmer, who suggested the peace cruise, have been in retirement for several days. Ford is recovering rapidly from a spell of sickness, it is stated, and will be able to join the peace delegates when they leave for Stockholm tomorrow.

Norwegian students banqueted members of the Ford party last night, but it is reported that the bill for the entertainment was sent to Ford's headquarters. Louis P. Lochner, Ford's secretary, notified the students that the Detroit manufacturer will contribute $10,000 toward new university buildings.

Miss Katherine Lackie, publicity agent for Ford, issued a statement addressed to the Norwegian press, declaring that the opinion of the American press with regard to the Ford enterprise had suddenly turned favorable.

WOMAN TO THE RESCUE.

Wife of U. S. Consul Stops Disorder in Mexico.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 22.—A plucky little American woman stopped the rioting and looting of American and foreign stores here yesterday, and is the heroine of the newest outbreak of the Juarez garrison.

Because of the rioting two Americans lost their lives and a number of Mexicans were killed.

The American woman who brought an end to the trouble caused by 800 Villa soldiers is Mrs. Thomas D. Edwards, wife of the American consul at Juarez.

Her husband being away from his post for Christmas, Mrs. Edwards, with the assistance of the consular clerk, was acting as the American State Department representative on the Mexican side of the border when the looting, rioting and shooting started at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The first she heard of the trouble was when Colonel Dierguez shot down the leader of the mutineers almost in front of her door.

Instead of fainting or fleeing to the American side for safety, Mrs. Edwards telephoned to all the American families in Juarez to come to the consulate for protection, ran up the American flag, and then proceeded to stop the mutiny and looting.

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Eggs, ... 28c doz.
Currants 14c
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Large can Regina peaches 15c
3 cans Caro syrup 25c
3 large cans tomatoes .. 25c
25c coffee ..... 18c pound
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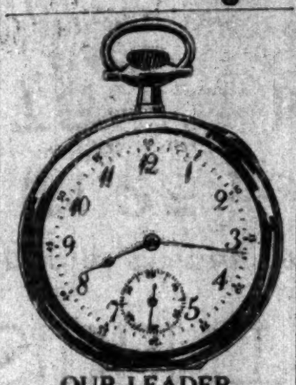

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Special Prices for the holidays

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SPAIN MAY ENTER WAR

Will Spend $30,000,000 in America For Supplies

New York, Dec. 22—Spain may be preparing to enter the war on the side of the Teutonic allies for the purpose of retaking Portugal to the Spanish kingdom.

Rumors from Gibraltar that the Spanish army is to be recquipped with Remington, in place of Mauser, rifles coincide with New York reports that Spain has deposited here $30,000,000 with which to purchase war supplies from American firms.

It is highly improbable that the Spanish are innocently intent simply on substituting one type of rifles for another. The demand for American-made war implements is at present so insistent that Spain must pay extravagant prices for what she wants. By waiting until the end of the war the cost would probably be 50 per cent less than now.

Spain is in no danger of suffering an attack. Her immediate need for new arms, therefore, suggests that offensive plans are maturing at King Alfonso's court. The Spaniards may have concluded either that Germany will win or that the end will be a condition of exhaustion permitting Spain to seize Portugal and Gibraltar.

Portugal has a secret offensive and defensive treaty with Great Britain. A declaration of war by Spain against Portugal, therefore, would mean war against Great Britain and would make Spain the ally of the Teutonic powers.

The Spaniards have been largely pro-German. They believe, too, that Great Britain prevented the formation of a European league in 1898 that might have saved to Spain the Phillippines, if not Cuba. King Alfonso's mother was born an Austrian archduchess. His wife, a Battenberg princess, is half German and half British.

FLEEING MAN SHOT DEAD.

Bullet Rebounds From Pavement and Kills Youth Accused of Petty Larceny.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Harry Coln, 22 years old, of Juniper St., below Federal, was shot and almost instantly killed while trying to escape from the police, yesterday, after his arrest on a charge of petty larceny. The shooting occurred on Thirteenth street below Wharton, and the shot which killed Coln was fired by District Detective Jacob Patterson ,of the Thirty-fourth district, who afterward surrendered himself to Lieutenant McBride and was paroled in the custody of the lieutenant.

SINKING OF ANCONA

Believed in Washington Issue With Austria Will Be Settled

Washington, Dec. 22—An atmosphere of optimism as to the outcome of the Austro-American controversy over the sinking of the passenger ship Ancona prevailed here yesterday. State Department officials let it be known that they expected the Austrian government to offer concessions which the United States would accept as satisfactory.

The official optimism made its appearance following the receipt of cablegrams from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin. Both diplomatists reported upon the evidence of feeling which followed the receipt of the vigorous original note of the United States on the Ancona incident. It was believed that the cablegrams indicated a more conciliatory attitude in both Austria and Germany than has been generally supposed to exist One of the Ambassadors is said to have reported that Austria has begun a thorough investigation of the report of the submarine commander whose vessel sank the Ancona.

It was believed there that the Austrian investigation had been undertaken wth a view to discoverng facts or circumstances which would allow Austria gracefully to subscribe to the principles of submarine warfare for which the United States contends. State Department officials were disposed to regard the ordering of the investigation as of favorable significance at this time.

Baron Zweidinek, the Austrian charge, called at the State Department yesterday and discussed with Secretary Lansing the contents of the second note to Austria on the Ancona case. While this note has not yet been made public, its contents are known to the Austrian charge.

The text of the note will be published today.

NEW YORK TO EAT HORSES.

Health Board to Allow Old Ones to Be Fattened for Meat.

New York, Dec., 22.— Sale of horse meat for food will be permitted in New York after January 1, the Board of Health has announced. Commenting upon the revocation of the section of the sanitary code which prohibited the use of horse flesh, Commissioner Emerson said that, while the health department does not exactly recommend it, no harm can be seen in its use.

"The horse never has tuberculosis and almost never communicates a malignant disease to human beings," he said. "Hereafter old horses, instead of being sold for their bones, which are worth little or nothing, will be fattened and disposed of for food."

Dr. Emerson announced that special precautions would be taken to prevent the sale of horse flesh in the guise of veal or beef.

OPERA HOUSE LEASED.

E. Lawrence Phillips, of Washington Secures Theatre.

Lannon's Opera House, according to a statement made this morning by Mr. E. Lawrence Phillips, will undergo within the next few day extensive alterations and improvements.

Late yesterday afternoon Frank L. Slaymaker of the firm of Slaymaker and Schneider closed a deal whereby E. Lawrence Phillips, the popular baseball announcer of Washington, becomes the lessee for a term of years.

Mr. Phillips's wide experience in the theatrical word is a sufficient guarantee of the future success of this undertaking. It is his intention to make this house one to be appreciated by all who attend, especially ladies and children, as well as the gentlemen of this city.

According to Mr. Phillip's statement no expense will be spared to ensure the comfort of all his patrons. Work has already been started on the improvements, and it is expected that the management will be in a position to open the House on New Years Day.

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